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DATE: 4 SEPTEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: CHOU EN-LAI MISSES MEETING WITH MAO

REF : [REDACTED] 4 SEPT 74, UNCLAS FOIAb3b1

CHOU EN-LAI WAS NOT PRESENT AT MAO'S MEETING WITH TOGOLESE PRESIDENT EYADEMA ON SEPTEMBER 4--THE FIRST TIME THE PREMIER HAS EVER MISSED A MEETING BETWEEN MAO AND A VISITING HEAD OF STATE. VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING FILLED IN FOR CHOU. ON TWO OCCASIONS, ONE OF THEM ON MAY 30, CHOU WAS NOT PRESENT AT MEETING BETWEEN MAO AND VISITING CHINESE-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS.

THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT RUMORS DURING THE LAST MONTH THAT CHOU IS BACK IN THE HOSPITAL, SOME OF THEM SOURCED TO TENG. THE TREATMENT OF CHOU'S ILLNESS BY CHINESE MEDIA DURING THE CURRENT VISIT OF THE TOGOLESE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN UNUSUAL. LAST JUNE THE

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MEDIA ADMITTED FRANKLY THAT THE PREMIER HAD HEALTH PROBLEMS, AND DID NOT HIDE THE FACT OF CHOU'S HOSPITALIZATION DURING THE VISIT OF SENATOR HENRY JACKSON IN JULY. THIS TIME, HOWEVER, REFERENCES TO CHOU'S ILLNESS IN A SPEECH BY THE TOGOLESE PRESIDENT WERE EXCISED FROM THE CHINESE LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE SPEECH. THE PREMIER HAS NOT MADE A PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE JULY 31. E-2 IMPDET.H
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